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THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

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Cleveland 3, Ohio

After Easter Came Pentecost!

BY K. A. AMSLER—PRESIDENT

The greatest need in the world today is a Spirit-filled Church. Modernism is living on the wrong side of Easter. The modern church believes in a dead Christ and a closed tomb. A pattern Christ who died as a martyr for truth cannot supply dynamic, direction or destiny so the modern church is promoting a program that is death-dealing and destructive to true spiritual life and power. On the other hand, the fundamental church is living on the wrong side of Pentecost. Easter speaks of life *received*. Pentecost speaks of life *demonstrated*. Where is the purity, passion and power of the early church?

Christianity is nothing except as it is the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Preaching is nothing except it be "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Christian service is empty and futile except as it is accomplished in the energy and power of the Holy Spirit. All our talk about separation and sanctification is mere sham if it is not the very life and fruit of the Holy Spirit. Every fight for orthodoxy is vain and fruitless, unless its aim is to bring men into the fullness of spiritual life. Life in the Holy Spirit is the only safe-guard for purity of doctrine.



K. A. Amsler

We cannot live the Christian life or please God unless we are filled with the Holy Spirit. There is only one person who can glorify Christ—the blessed Spirit of God. See John 16:14. We will not be effective in prayer, Bible study or soul-winning without the Spirit's fullness. As we study Acts 1:3-8, we discover the Lord's program for the Church during this age. Let us note four things.

1. *Proof of the resurrection, Acts 1:3. "He showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs being seen of*

them forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." This same Jesus, in the same body which was crucified on the cross, with the same wounds of Calvary, placed Himself beside the believers. "*Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.*" (Luke 24:39). He showed Himself alive "by many infallible proofs"—sure signs, by which a thing may be surely known, convincing and certain evidence which was manifested to the senses, the strongest kind of proof.

2. *Promise to the Spirit, Acts 1:4, 5.* The Lord "commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, ye have heard of me." They were not to work or witness but to wait for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. They were powerless and fruitless until the advent of the Spirit of God. On the Day of Pentecost, the believers received the Holy Spirit, were baptized into the body of Christ and were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit had been *with* them but now He was to abide *in* them (cf. John 14:16,17).

3. *Power for witnessing, Acts 1:8. "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you."* Fearful and powerless disciples became bold and effective by the Spirit's indwelling and filling. The marvelous and miraculous

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Quintet Plans Tour



With a song and a testimony, five young men plan to tour seven states this summer, leaving June 5, and returning July 17. The following states will be covered: Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York.

Featured in the Quintet are Ward Weaver from Chattanooga, Tennessee, baritone soloist, former member of Pinebrook Quartet, who has had experience in radio work; Dean Ainsworth from Niles, Ohio, trombonist, who has been used in Youth for Christ meetings; Kenneth Andrus from Warren, Ohio accomplished pianist who has been active in radio ministry; Charles Moore, from Huntington, West Virginia, speaker, trombonist, soloist; and Vernon Weber from Decatur, Illinois, song leader, who travelled two years with teams from Wheaton College and has had wide experience in radio work.

A typical program will include solos, duets, trio, quartet, quintet, instrumental numbers, testimonies and a short message from the Word of God.

We trust that many will be led to remember the team in prayer.

—Vernon Weber

New Evening Students

We welcome 26 new evening students to B.B.I. for the Spring Term. The more you attend B.B.I. the more you will love to study His Word. Our responsibility, as Christians, is not only to be hearers of the Word, but to be doers of the Word. Pray the Holy Spirit for divine wisdom to study God's Word, to understand His Plan and to use you for His Glory. We cannot give something we do not have ourselves; we cannot expect to Work for the Lord without a knowledge of His Word. II Tim. 2:15 "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*"

—Martha Anderson

RESERVE THESE DATES

May 7—7:45 P. M. SPRING MUSICALE presented by B. B. I. Choir.

May 13—6:30 P. M. GRADUATION BANQUET, Dr. R. T. Ketcham, speaker

June 3—7:45 P. M. COMMENCEMENT, Dr. H. A. Ironside, speaker

LADIES AUXILIARY

Since the organization of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Baptist Bible Institute about a year ago, the wives of the faculty, directors, officers, and office staff have found many avenues of service.

Our largest undertaking has been the preparation of the new dormitory for occupancy early last December. Many hours of scrubbing, painting, and general house-cleaning were spent by faithful members of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Imhof, Mrs. Smelser, Mrs. Cruver, Mrs. Willets, and Mrs. Patterson deserve honorable mention. Others contributed materials to help furnish and decorate various rooms. Open House was a grand occasion when the Auxiliary ladies served tea and cookies to about 300 guests.

There are still needs to be supplied. Last week three irons for the students' use in the laundry were received. At least two more ironing boards would be appreciated. Linoleum for the dining room floor, a new vacuum cleaner, and a sewing machine would also be a good investment.

Refreshments for the Institute's annual Christmas Fellowship and the Day School's spring party were prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. Plans have been made to entertain the wives of the Day School students and the alumni members at a luncheon on May 9th at the dormitory. It is hoped that a closer bond of co-operation and understanding may be accomplished as each knows the other better, through these "get-acquainted" events. Mrs. Mary McCullough and Mrs. Imhof are heading committees for decorations and waitresses for our Graduation Banquet on May 13th.

The response from many to our appeals for food, coupons, linens, tables, lamps, rugs, etc. has been most gratifying and we express our heartfelt "thanks." As we move forward to another graduation we pray every effort put forth, individually and collectively, may encourage more eager young people to fulfill II Timothy 2:15.

—Mrs. George Gibson

Student Council Highlights

When the newly elected officers and representatives of the Student Council assembled last October for their first meeting, it was with a great deal of skepticism, but at the same time anticipation, as to what could be accomplished during the coming school year. Since that time, under the supervision of Dr. Hugo Foucar, great progress has been made.

Besides our monthly Student Body Chapel meetings, we have established a regular meeting time of the Council. The Council also engineered the selection and purchasing of a permanent school ring which those eligible for

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LIFE AT ITS BEST AT B. B. I.

As springtime approaches we begin to think of graduation. At this time one question should be uppermost in our minds—how much knowledge have we retained through our year or years of study? The curriculum here at Baptist Bible Institute is excellent; one that has not only spiritual depth, which is the principle, but practical value. We not only have the lessons of the classroom but also lessons of learning to live with others in sweet fellowship and unity at the dormitory.

The surroundings of the dormitory offer us many hours of outside relaxation. We have a beautiful recreation room, very well adapted for social times, where we can have pure Christian Fellowship, getting better acquainted with both faculty and students.

At sunrise and sunset we start and end our days with Bibles in our hands and our knees bent in prayer. Here we receive rich blessings and we see results of answered prayer. Truly we are happy in the family of B.B.I. and can say, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Psalms 126:3.

—Edith Mae Sieth



B. B. I. DORMITORY

B.B.I. Library Needs More Books

An indispensable part of the Bible student's training is research in the literature bearing on the subjects in his course. Through such activity, proper habits are acquired which will continue to be practical after the student completes his supervised training. While the school library has been gradually increasing, there are still many books (single volumes and sets) which are still needed in order to bring the number up to a minimum standard. The following sets would be especially useful: J. F. B. Commentary (unabridged), Vincent's "Word Studies," Lenski on the whole New Testament, and Latourette's "History of the Expansion of Christianity."

ALUMNI NEWS

Zelma Clinesmith '46, has been greatly used of the Lord in missionary work in Butte, Montana. Several Sunday Schools have been organized. Many have confessed Christ as Savior and plans are now in progress for the organizing and building of a church. Continue to pray for Zelma.

Rev. Clyde Somers '46, has been instrumental in building a splendid Bible testimony at "The Little Church of the Vale" in Gates Mills, Ohio. The building has been remodeled and redecorated and the attendance has been greatly increased. Clyde also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of B.B.I. and conducts three county jail services every other Sunday.

Harry Hemminger '46, has been used of the Lord in evangelistic work. He has had the privilege of seeing over 60 souls accept the Lord Jesus in the past few months. Mr. and Mrs. Hemminger have just purchased a trailer and will be actively engaged in full-time evangelistic work in connection with the John R. Rice's Extension Department.

Vernon Mitchell '47, has opened a Christian book store and is active in the work of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission.

Mrs. Celena Tigney '47, has Bible classes for young people in her home every other week on Monday and Friday. Some of the young people have been saved and many of their parents have heard the Gospel through home visitation. Mrs. Tigney has an unusual prayer ministry and has been greatly used in house-to-house visitation amongst the Hebrew people of Cleveland.

John Hes '47, is conducting his studies at the Eastern Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He was recently installed as pastor of the Baptist Church at Hammon, New Jersey.

Louis Koenig ex '49, had his training interrupted by being called into the Army. He is stationed at Fort Knox and is attending Quarter Masters school. He had opportunities to teach Sunday School classes and to give his testimony in fundamental churches in Louisville. Continue to pray that God will use Louis to reach many for Christ.

FAITH AND FRUIT

We trust you like B.B.I.'s news bulletin. We hope to make it a regular event to keep you up-to-date on the news and activities of B.B.I. If you like it, please let us know; we will appreciate your comments. Also please send us the names and addresses of any interested persons whom you think should be on our mailing list.

If you should care to have a part in helping our library to become better equipped, please forward your gift to the school designated for this purpose. You will be notified just which titles your gift has purchased, and each volume will carry your name on a special book-plate.

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power of God, which overcomes all kinds of resistance, was available to them. "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all . . . And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

4. Program for this age, Acts 1:8. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem and all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Jerusalem speaks of home missions. In the first seven chapters of Acts, we find the establishment of the great church in Jerusalem, Peter is the chief actor and the time is about five years. Judea and Samaria speaks of national and interracial missions. Philip is prominent and the time covered is about fifteen years. The church is extended in Palestine and Syria. "The uttermost part of the earth" speaks of foreign missions to all nations and peoples. From chapter 13 through 28, the gospel goes to the Gentiles and the whole Roman empire is evangelized.

This is the plan and the program which the Lord would have us fulfill through the ministry of B.B.I. Will you join us in prayer that His power and plan will be realized. It has been declared that evangelism is the greatest task of the church. But how can the church be effective in evangelism without the preparation and provision of evangelists?

The total enrollment in Day and Evening classes is 286. Fifteen different cities and towns are represented in the Evening School and our Day School students come from eight different states. Nineteen different denominations are represented in the Day and Evening enrollment.

Thirty-eight different gospel teams conducted services in jails, hospitals, churches, missions, Bible clubs, and over the air through radio during the month of March. Many of the Day School students have regular assignments as Sunday School teachers, Bible Club leaders, student pastors and radio soloists. There have been as many as forty confessions of Christ in one service conducted by students. Many others have heard the gospel through personal work and tract distribution.

A hearty invitation is extended to all within driving distance of Cleveland to enjoy the unique musical presentation at the Spring Concert given by the Institute choir on Saturday evening, May 7th, at 7:45 P. M.

A splendid group of Bible-trained, Spirit-taught and Christ-centered young people will be ready for graduation on June 3rd. Dr. Harry A. Ironside will deliver the commencement address. Please join us in prayer for God's guidance and blessing upon the life and labor of each graduate.

As the Lord leads we trust you will daily remember the needs of B.B.I. before the Throne of Grace.

—Kenneth A. Amsler, Dean

Financial Report

	Expense	Receipts
Mar. 1, Cash on hand		448.74
Board & Room dormitory		625.68
Dormitory food		
and utilities	733.34	
Gifts (general expense)		731.91
Gifts (dormitory)		246.85
Registration Fees		925.25
General expense	2049.12	
Loan		400.00
Dormitory mortgage	297.00	
Dormitory furnishings	184.85	
Book Store	1150.62	1135.15
April 1, 1949—		
Cash on Hand	98.65	

B.B.B. is largely a faith institution but our gifts have fallen off considerably of late. In addition some of our worthy students have lost employment and are arrears in their dormitory board and room approximately \$500.00. B.B.I. is now in a precarious situation and will have to curtail some activities if our current giving is not substantially increased. As noted above gifts to the general expense account amount to only \$731.91 whereas we should be receiving close to \$2000.00 or more every month.

We are laying this matter before you because we believe God called B.B.I. into existence to serve a definite need. We have asked your prayers for our guidance. Our President and Board of Directors pray for God's guidance in all our undertakings and we have been conservative in our expenditures. Time after time God has answered prayer for B. B. I. and we believe that our present program has been developed under His direction. We, therefore, cannot feel that God wants us now to retrench or curtail our ministry. B. B. I. needs immediately \$2000.00 to meet current obligations. In addition to this, B.B.I. will need \$2000.00 over and above regular giving, spread over the next four months, to meet our obligations through the summer until the fall term opens in September. Also B.B.I. must meet two notes on the dormitory coming due in August totaling \$1750.00. Our need of substantial additional income through the sacrificial gifts of God's people is immediate and urgent. Whether or not we can carry on may depend on your response. This is your School and our School. It is a fundamental, evangelistic, premil-

EARLY MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS

Eight o'clock—time to gather in the Chapel for our early morning prayer meeting! Time to begin the day together in the Lord's presence! Seeking His strength for the day and His blessing upon our study of the Word!

The meeting starts with the singing of a hymn, followed by a short devotional from one of the students, generally centered around those verses from which he has received a blessing during his quiet time and would like to share with others. Then prayer requests are voiced for the salvation of loved ones, for churches which are being pastored by students and for daily temporal needs such as housing, jobs and finances.

Recently a student related how the Lord had worked in answering a petition he had made for an unsaved couple who were being dealt with. Another spoke of a needed apartment that had been supplied—a definite answer to our early morning prayers.

The remaining time is given to prayer. We become united together in the Spirit and our eyes are opened to see the needs of those fellow-students with whom we daily associate. We put forth the challenge, likewise, to you to pray for us as we prepare for His service. Remember the words of Samuel, "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."

—Alice Seatter

PRAY FOR B. B. I.

lennial, independent Baptist school which we believe God called into existence. Do you feel the need of B.B.I.'s ministry? Is it a burden on your heart? B.B.I. is desperately in need of funds now! Please pray definitely about your part in B.B.I.

B.B.I. should have regular monthly contributors as follows; 1000 people giving \$1.00; 200 people giving \$5.00; 100 people giving \$10.00. Which group should you be in?

If you desire any further information concerning the needs of B. B. I. please address the Business Manager.

II Cor. 9:6-8—Matt. 6:19-20

\$1.00 \$5.00 \$10.00 per Month?
CERTAINLY!

COUNT ME IN BY ALL MEANS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

Enclosed \$1.00 ☐ \$5.00 ☐ \$10.00 ☐

Fill in—Clip and Mail to School with Remittance

Your B.B.I. Book Store Will Be There

Where? Why, at the G. A. R. B. Convention, of course! Beginning May 16 (evening) and running for the next



Paul McCullough

three days, the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church will be packed with Regular Baptists from all over the country. And your B. B. I. Bookstore will be in the lobby ready to serve you. So start now to save those dollars which you will wish you had when you see the large and varied

stock of the finest in Christian literature to be displayed on our large book table. And by the way, you are always welcome in the B. B. I. office where the Book Store is located. We are sure to have something that will interest you. For example, have you seen our genuine leather zipper Bible cases; two sized to accomodate any kind of Bible. Just the thing to protect that beautiful Bible when carrying it. The price? Pleasantly low, as you will find out when you come in.

—Rev. Paul McCullough

Office Needs

Our office force has been doing a grand job considering the small quarters and our available equipment. B.B.I.'s records have been multiplying rapidly and now we need another (4) four drawer filing cabinet also a storage locker. We also need another desk typewriter. In order to cut down work of addressing so we can keep you informed regularly and more often of our activities we purchased an addressing machine and stencils. If you are interested in helping B.B.I. acquire any of the above needs please write to the attention of the Business Manager. Thank you.

B. B. I. C H O I R

Presents

Spring Musicale

Featuring

SOLOS—DUETS—OCTETTE—SEXTETTE

Saturday, May 7th, 1949 at 7:45 P. M.

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

East 82nd & Hough Avenue

(Hough Avenue Baptist Church Auditorium)

Graduation Banquet

The B.B.I. Graduation Banquet will be held in the Hough Avenue Baptist Church on May 13 at 6:30 P. M. The main speaker of the evening, Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, is an exceptionally fine teacher and preacher of the Word. An



excellent menu, appropriate decorations, and a wide variety of vocal and instrumental music should help to provide a very enjoyable evening for those who are able to attend. Although no tickets are being sold, admission will be by reservation slip only. An offering will be received during the banquet to meet expenses (which will amount to at least one dollar per plate). In order to avoid overcrowding, the Banquet Committee is limiting attendance to 320. Interested persons should call at the Institute office for their reservation slips as soon as possible. All holders of reservations will be held responsible for

Student Council Highlights

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graduation may purchase during their senior year. Because of the need, the Executive committee of the Council has drawn up a constitution which we believe is adaptable. The Constitution is now in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Institute. Besides these major accomplishments, a system for fire drills and for monitors has been developed. These monitors see that the rooms are well lighted and ventilated. The social committee of the Council was asked by the Women's Auxiliary to be responsible for the decorations for the Christmas party. Our fall and spring parties were also directed by the committee.

The Council wishes to acknowledge that such progress could not have been made without the much appreciated cooperation of the faculty and students.

—Alberta Sherrill

same unless cancellations are received by the office not later than May 10.

—Rev. Paul McCullough

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